

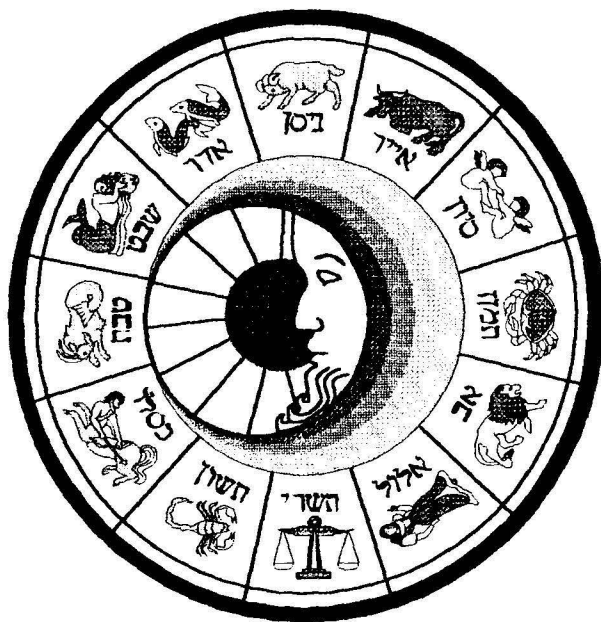
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President Message

Dear Friend,

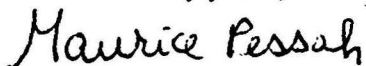
Last spring we have asked you to voice your opinion and to let us know what you consider an important project for the Board to undertake. I am pleased to inform you now that we have received many good responses. The result of the vote was very close in three different areas. Children education came in first, followed closely by building expansion project and lastly bringing a Rabbi to serve our community. Frankly, I was not very surprised with the results of the vote. All three issues are very closely related together. We need a Rabbi to teach our children and we need to expand the building to make a place for the Rabbi and for the education. One thing I would like to mention is that we have been continuously searching for a Rabbi in Israel and we are hoping to find the right candidate soon.

As for activities for the summer, the KJA has held its annual 7-11, 12-16, and 21-35 camps the week of July 28, 1997. The camps continued to draw a lot of people and were very successful. We are hoping to have more people from other states sign for the camp next year. A special thank you recognition note was given to each volunteer.

Last, I want to inform you that by the end of this year, KJA will have a WEB page. Since the domain kja.com has been reserved for another organization, we are looking for an alternate name. Please feel free to contact us if you have any suggestion in this area. You can also e-mail me at pessahm@ssd.loral.com or mpessah@el.nec.com.

As we approach our holidays, The KJA board of Directors and I wish you and your family a very happy new year and holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

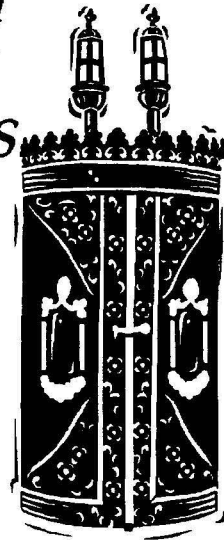


Maurice Pessah
President, KJA

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

לשנה טובה

*We wish the Karaite
Jews of America a
Very Happy New
Year Full of Good
Health, Happiness
and Peace.*



KJA Camp 1997

Howdy doody folks from the world of Lake Tahoe California. For those people who missed the camp this year, here is some advice for next year; **DO NOT MISS THE NEXT CAMP!** Camp KJA was sooooo much fun. To give an example, the group went waverunning, swimming, hiking, tanning at the beach, dancing, gambling, watersliding, and **WHITEWATER RAFTING**. Sound like something was missed?

David Pessah, Subrina Selim and Audrey Aslan did a great job planning the trip. Also Denise Ezial and Remy Pessah did an awesome job providing great food. Sound like something was missed?

So, that's all folks. Thanks to all of those who went and see you next year. This is Jacob Moussa signing off. Happy Trails to everyone.

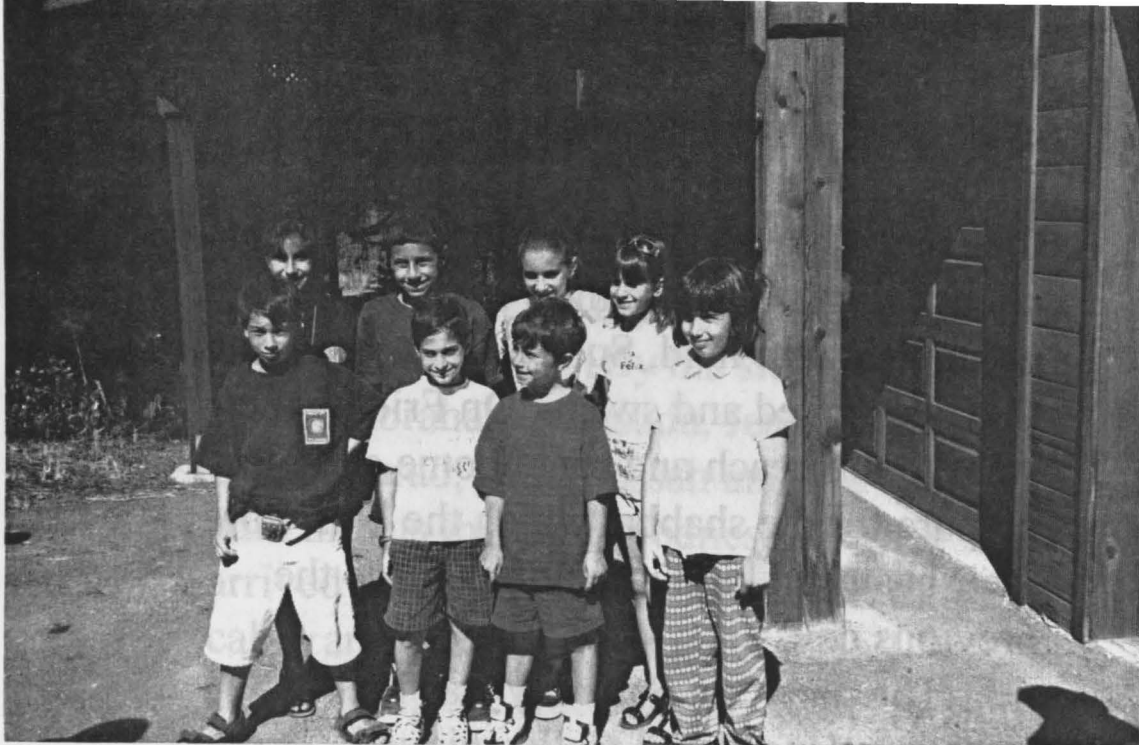


7-16 Camp KJA

Once again, Elie Moussa and the KJA 7-16 gang were on their way to Trukee for a whole week of fun. By his side were Zaki Jacob, Abraham Massuda, Jeanne Massuda, Lily Mourad, Mira Pessah and Joe Moussa, who met us there on Wednesday. They all arrived safely on Sunday afternoon to get the cabin and group assignments and all anticipating the week ahead. Monday started out as a wonderful relaxing day at Kings Beach, filled with a day of volleyball, jet-skiing and swimming, but unfortunately the camp had to leave early due to bad weather. That night everyone went to play BINGO at the Trukee Recreation Center and this year the camp had two winners, Robert Ovadia and Alex Pessah. Tuesday the whole gang went to Wild Waters, the water park in Reno, and had a blast from the daring water slides, to the rugged waves in the wave pool. They even enjoyed the Indy race cars that were outside the park, who was enjoyed by

every one who rode. The camp went to Circus Circus in Reno on Wednesday, and they had a blast. Thursday, the camp had a chance to go to where the 1968 Winter Olympics were held, Squaw Valley, at which they ice-skated and swam. On Friday, they went to the beach and came home early to prepare for the shabbat which the kids wore their beautiful kippot that they made the previous day.

The party, on Saturday was fun, everyone danced and really enjoyed themselves. The week was over, on Sunday, many people could not believe that it was time to return home. Many hugs were given and promises made that everyone would be together again next year at KJA Camp 1998.



7-11 camp: (Bottom Row, left to right) Alex Pessah, Ryan Pessah, Marc Pessah, Natalie Moran
(Top Row, left to right) Rachel Moussa, Aaron Pessah, Sheila Pessah, Amy Rasson



12-16 Camp: (Bottom Row, left to right) Lilly Mourad, Jeanne Massuda, Mira Pessah, Joe Moussa
(Row 2, L to R) Shawn Rasson, Joel Massuda, Debbie Ovadia, David Massuda, Jonah Sinick
(Row 3, L to R) Elie Moussa, Joshua Marzwell, Michael Ovadia, Nora Massuda, Abraham Massuda, Lilly Lichaa, Nora Hartman, and Joshua Pessah,



Squaw Valley: (Bottom to Top) Robert Ovadia, David Ovadia, Joel Massuda, Nora Massuda, Lilly Lichaa, Joshua Marzwell, Joshua Pessah, Jonah Sinick, Aaron Pessah, Michael Ovadia.



Saying prayer before eating on a Friday night

KJA Adult Camp Reunion

**Ice skating
Hot Tubing**

**Show/Casino
Football/Games**

**Find out what happened to all those good friends
you made!**

**Come Join us for the Thanksgiving Holiday (Nov.
26-30) at Lake Tahoe.**

For more information & to RSVP please contact:

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Joke Corner: The Flight

The captain of a Syrian airliner announces, "This is Syrian Airliner 174 announcing we have lost an engine and want to land at any airport in the mideast OTHER than Israel."

No answer.

A short while later he announces, "This is Syrian Airliner 174 again. We have lost TWO engines and ask permission to land at any airport in the mid-East OTHER than Israel."

No answer from anyone.

A while later the pilot announces, "This is Syrian Airliner 174. We are in need of help. We have lost three engines and need permission to land at any airport in the mid-East OTHER than Israel."

Still no answer from anyone.

Finally, the Captain calls, "Help! This is Syrian Airliner 174, we have only one engine left and it is rapidly failing. Unless we can land we are going to crash. We need permission to land at ANY airport in the Mid-East, INCLUDING Israel."

Shortly thereafter, a voice is heard in the Syrian airplane cockpit:

"This is Tel Aviv airport calling Syrian Airliner 174. We would like to help."

"God bless you," said the Syrian pilot, "what should we do?"

Responded Tel Aviv airport, "Repeat after me: Yitgadal, v'yitkadash ..."

CURRENT KJA LIST OF FUNDS

General Fund

The General Fund is KJA's biggest fund and is used for the normal operation of our organization. Insurance payments, utilities bill, and bulletin publication expenses drawn from this fund. Donation money received without a specific fund designation is deposited to this fund.

Building Fund

Building Fund is specifically used to do improvements and expansion for the Synagogue building. The new carpet and the Sepher Cabinets expenses were paid from this fund.

Needy Fund

This fund was established to help individuals and families who face a sudden financial emergency or hardship.

Educational Fund

This fund is used to finance children and adult education. The fund also provides interest free loan to students who want continue and pursue a higher or specialized education level.

Special Trust Fund

KJA has several Trust funds established for different goals. The goal of each fund is set up by the donors.

Camps Fund:

This fund is used to subsidize and support KJA camp activities.

Memorial Fund

This fund is used to purchase Memorial plaques.

KJA Will Celebrate its Fifteenth Anniversary

During The 1997 holiday Season

Did you know that **KJA** has been in existence for 15 years already ? Here is a very brief history of what happened and how our organization got started.

It was on October 1982, the Karaites Jewish community of the Bay Area were gathering to celebrate the Sukkot Holiday over Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pessah's house in Los Altos, California. Right after the celebration, several teen agers were asking the question "Why do we have to pray over people's houses ?" and "Why don't we have a Synagogue like the rest of the Jewish communities ?". One thing led to another and the adults started to discuss and debate this important topic. Nobody expected anything solid to come out of the discussion. Few points came out of the discussion were The Bay Area Karaites community was getting tired of praying over people's houses. And, we must have a place of our own in order to survive. By the end of the evening, everybody was convinced that something must be done. Surprisingly enough, a group of people committed themselves to support the cause and to pledged to take the necessary steps to form the organization. The group has met several times to set the foundation of our organization. The Karaites outside the Bay Area were informed of the plan and they were very supportive.

In June 1983, **KJA** was recognized by the Federal government and the state of California. Its tax exempt status was approved.

The rest of the story is history and we all know it.

Jewish Holiday Calendar

Calendar of the year for 5758

Rosh Hashanah Thurs. Oct. 2

Yom Kippur Sat. Oct. 11

Sukkot Thurs. Oct. 16

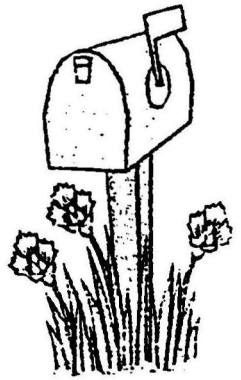
Simhat Torah Thurs. Oct. 23

Passover To Be Announced

Tisha Be'av To be Announced
(Echa)

Mailbox



April 3, 1997
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Dear KJA members,

*With special appreciation  
for your kindness.*



I wish to thank-you all for the plaque and the gold mezuza. The mezuza will be part of my family tradition and I will pass it down to my children. Thank-you for remembering me in such a kind way. *Luv, Naomi*  

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DEAR KJA MEMBERS,

AS PUBLISHER OF THE BULLETIN, I HAVE HAD MANY REQUESTS FOR ARTICLES TO BE PLACED IN THE BULLETIN. HOWEVER, THERE IS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPACE IN THE BULLETIN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ARTICLE IN THE NEXT BULLETIN, PLEASE SEND IT TO ME BY FEB. 1, 1998. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

FROM ORETT MOUSSA

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## BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS\*



**Aaron Hefez**, son of Yomtov & Danielle of Stoughton, Massachusetts, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on May 31, 1997.

**Joshua Marzwell**, son of Neville & Josette Marzwell of Claremont, California. His Bar Mitzvah was celebrated on June 29, 1997.





**Dan Siahou**, son of Helen & David Siahou of Marceille, France, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in Ashdod Israel on February 22, 1997.

## Graduations

**Richard Marzouk**, the son of Mourad and Denise Marzouk, raised in Vallejo California. He attended U C Davis and graduated on March of, 1997. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering, Richard was selected among a large group for his internship at Tosco, which is the largest refinery in the Bay Area. He is now working to earn his professional engineering license and currently working as an engineer for Underwriter's Laboratory. He is planning to start working for his Master's Degree next summer. We wish Richard all the success in his endeavor.

**Shawn Lichaa**, the son of Fred and Jackie Lichaa, graduated from San Mateo High School in June of, 1997 and was accepted at U C San Diego, John Muir.

\*Please inform us with any graduations, Weddings, Births, Bar or Bat Mitzvahs or any events that you would like us to announce.

## ***Recipes of the Month***



### **Honey Cake**

Mix together:

- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup oil or 2 sticks margarine
- 1 cup instant ground coffee or tea
- 1 tsp. Cinnamon
- 1/2 cup cloves
- 1 tsp. Salt

In a separate bowl mix together:

- 3 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 cup almonds or walnuts

Mix the two batches together and add:

- 3 egg whites
- 3/4 cup sugar

Place in a bowl and bake at 350° for about 1 hour.

**IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE RECIPE AND WOULD LIKE TO  
SHARE WITH OTHERS PLEASE SEND IT TO ORETT MOUSSA  
(SEE ADDRESSES OR E-MAIL ON PAGE 1)**

# FUN PAGE

## THE CHALLENGE CORNER

1- IN THE BIBLE THE FIRST ARMED OPERATION TO RESCUE HOSTAGES WAS CONDUCTED BY: a) Abraham to free Lot  
b) Moses to liberate the Israelites c) David in his fight with Goliath

2- AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE THE KARAITES OFFER PRAYERS IN LIEU OF THE SACRIFICES; THEREFORE THEY PRAY EACH DAY: a) Once b) Twice c) Three times

3- OUR TSITSIT HAS BLUE FRINGES BECAUSE a) It makes it more colorful b) White and blue is the color of the flag c) It is written

4- THE PERIOD OF MOURNING FOR THE DEAD IS THIRTY DAYS BECAUSE IT IS: a) A written custom in the Bible c) A commandment in the Bible c) None of the above

5- THE OLDEST SYNAGOGUE IN ISRAEL IS THE KARAITE SYNAGOGUE OF ANAN HANNASSI IN JERUSALEM a) True b) False

6- YOM TEROU'AH IS ALSO KNOWN AS: a) Yom Kippour b) Soukkot c) Rosh Hashana d) Purim





*David Oradiah*